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Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and Member of the PW&S Committee,

As a member of the National Restaurant Association Board, we see lots of packaging bills trying to make thru many municipalities across the country. The intentions are good but many lack the common sense applicability such as food safety issues as well as performance dealing with many of our local foods that have hot gravies and soups and to contain spills and heat.

HB 2260 HD1 and SB 2511 SD1 are two packaging bills going thru our State Legislature this year and are now at the House Finance and State Ways and Means Committees. Both of these have the common sense exemptions like bags used for a) bags used by customers inside a business to package loose items such as fruits, vegetables b) bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meats or fish, flowers or potted plants c) Bags Used To Protect Or Transport Prepared Foods Or Bakery Goods d) bags provided by pharmacists to contain prescription medications e) newspaper bags for home newspaper delivery f) bags used to contain live animals such as fish or insects sold in pet stores, etc.

I would like to ask that our Honolulu City Council exercise the same common sense exemptions for our customers as well as our businesses.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify here today.

Victor Lim